



Notice of Board Member Recruitment

February 1, 2008

The Department of Health (department) is accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Board of Hearing and Speech (board).

On July 1, 2008 the board vacancies will include one licensed speech-language pathologist, one licensed audiologist, one hearing instrument fitter/dispenser, one public member, and one medical physician advisory member. The department is looking for public-spirited individuals willing to study the issues and to make decisions in the best interest of the public and to reflect the diversity of Washington's population while providing geographic representation throughout the state.

The board consists of ten members - three public members, two audiologists, two hearing instrument fitter/dispensers, two speech-language pathologists, and one non-voting medical physician all appointed by the Governor.

Eligibility for the board is as follows:

- All members must be residents of Washington State.
- Licensed board members must have five years of experience and actively practicing within two years of appointment.

Public member representatives may *not*:

- be a member of or married to a member of, any other health care licensing board or commission;
- a licensee of a health occupation board;
- an employee of a health facility;
- derive his or her primary livelihood from the provision of health services at any level of responsibility

Board members will attend regular one-day meetings scheduled on Fridays during business hours every three months. The board establishes its meeting schedule about a year in advance. The typical time commitment ranges between 5 to 7 days per year. This may include an annual board meeting in conjunction with the Washington Hearing Society and the Department of Health one-day Board, Commission, and Committee conference.

In addition, board members also participate on disciplinary panels that meet by telephone or in person several times per year. Sometimes panels meet with short advance notice in order to respond to emergent situations to protect the public. Hearings may also be scheduled separately from regular board meetings because of the number of cases that need to be heard.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for appointment, or have questions about serving on the board, please contact Leann Yount at Department of Health, PO Box 47869, Olympia, WA 98504-7869, telephone (360) 236-4856, or email leann.yount@doh.wa.gov by **April 1, 2008**. An application can be obtained at https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hps7/Hearing_Speech/boardinfo.htm, <http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/default.asp>, or one can be mailed to you.